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Pamela Grubaugh-Littig: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Coal Program 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 INCOMING (0070038 Task 2521

Re: <u>Mine Facilities Area Phase III Bond Release Application, Permanent Impoundment, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038, Carbon County, Utah</u>

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) has filed an application for Phase III Bond Release on 36.4 acres of land related to the mine buildings in Willow Creek Canyon. These 36.4 acres of land will be purchased by the College of Eastern Utah (CEU) and will be used as an industrial training facility. Contained in this acreage to be purchased by CEU is the Willow Creek Mine sedimentation pond number 001A. At this time PMC will retain responsibility for the operation and maintenance of sedimentation pond number 001A as a permanent impoundment under the rules of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (specifically, the requirements of R645-301-743). PMC will retain this responsibility until such time as other arrangements, with the prior approval of the Division, are made. Plateau hereby states that the size and configuration of this permanent impoundment is adequate for its intended purpose; the quality of impounded water will be suitable on a permanent basis for its intended use; any discharge from the impoundment will not degrade the quality of the receiving waters; the water level will be sufficiently stable and be capable of supporting the intended use; final grading will provide adequate safety and access for the proposed water users and the dam construction was designed to achieve necessary stability with an adequate margin of safety.

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Controller and Administrative Manager

Enclosures

Enviro/PermitActions/WillowCreek/MineFacilities/PermanentImpoundment

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